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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Michael Schweigert **EXAMINER:** Aftergut, J.H.
SERIAL NO.: 09/935,907 **GROUP:** 1733
FILED: August 23, 2001
FOR: COATED MONOFILAMENT TAPE BOBBINS AND
METHODS FOR WINDING

RULE 132 DECLARATION

The undersigned Michael Schweigert ("Declarant") has studied the two references cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated November 20, 2003, namely:

U.S. 5,160,561 Gruber, and
U.S. 5,520,351 Prospero, et al.

In connection with this review of these two references, Declarant has:

1. Sketched a drawing, enclosed, illustrating the variable winding speeds used by Declarant as a tension control means when bobbin winding coated tapes of the invention which are also conditioned; and
2. Photographed a bobbin of waxed multifilament yarn such as taught by Prospero, et al., as well as wax coated monofilament tape, and compared these two bobbins to coated multifilament and coated monofilament bobbins wound by the claimed process of the present invention.

The photograph shows similar length bobbins with dramatically different diameters, which indicates the substantial differences in the bobbins of the prior art

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compared to the coated monofilament tape bobbins wound by the process of my invention.

When similar bobbins to those shown in the photograph are exposed to elevated temperature for prolonged periods, the bobbins retain their shape and the substantial coatings are free from displacement and continue to retain tack value between about 0.1 and about 0.5 grams.

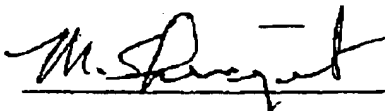
None of the foregoing is taught or implied by the cited references, either when considered individually or when considered in combination.

DECLARATION

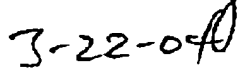
The undersigned further declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

The declarant's full name is: MICHAEL SCHWEIGERT

Signed:



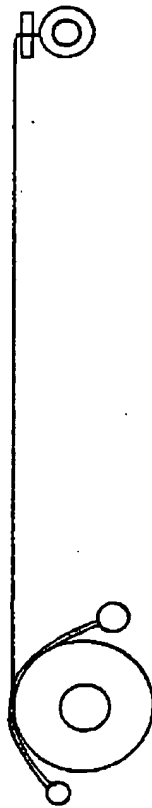
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